GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:66
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SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is acute shortage of Personnel in Armed Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof, rank-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to attract the talent and to fill up the vacant posts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 66 FOR 28.7.2005
There is a shortage of personnal in defence services. The deficiency in the Army, Navy and Air Force is given below:-

	Army	Navy	Air Force
Officers	10650	1244	508
Personnel Below Officers Rank (PBOR)	No actual		
shortage	5226	5081	

Several steps have been undertaken by the three Services to fill up the vacant posts. An Image Projection Campaign by the Army has been launched in 1997 and currently Phase-IV of the Campaign is being finalized.

Sustained publicity efforts are being undertaken by the Air Force to attract qualified youth into the officers' cadre. Almost 3000 Schools and Colleges are on the mailing list for sending publicity material. Campus interviews are undertaken by qualified assessors from Selection Boards so as to interact directly with potential candidates and answer their queries about the service.

Extensive publicity and recruitment drives are being carried out by the Navy.

Schools and Colleges are visited regularly by the representatives of the three Services for motivational talks.

In addition, the commitment and bravery of the Armed Forces is consistently projected through the electronic and print media. The Directorate of Public Relations of the Ministry of Defence, regularly interacts with the media while giving Defence related information and endeavours to ensure positive publicity of the same. Regular coverage of defence related events in the print and electronic media go a long way in creating awareness among the masses and motivating the youth to join the armed forces. Websites are also providing career information on the three Services.